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Dziedot dzimu *(t.dz)*	Bruno Skulte
Dainu zeme *(Lidija Auza)*	Bruno Skulte
Precej mani precinīki *(t.dz)*	Jurjānu Andrejs
Ceļš uz dzimteni *(Pēteris Blaus)*	Jānis Zālīts
Ziedi, ziedi, rudzu vārpa *(t.dz)*	Dace Aperāne
Saule, Pērkons, Daugava *(Rainis)*	Mārtiņš Brauns

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Vadītāja / Director - Astrida Kaugars

Vidzemes jandāls	Gunta Skuja
Induļa žigliņš	Guna Trukšāne
Trijatā aužam deju	Inta Huber
Lec, saulīte	Inta Huber

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Latvia's Independence Day

November 18 is Latvia's Independence Day, marking the 1918 proclamation of the Republic of Latvia. It is a day of national identity and resilience – a reminder of the struggle for freedom, the sacrifices of those who fought for independence, and the enduring spirit of the Latvian people.

On November 18, 1918, the People's Council of Latvia, meeting in the Second Riga City Theatre (now the Latvian National Theatre), declared Latvia an independent, democratic, and sovereign state. This came after centuries under foreign rule by powers such as the German, Swedish, Polish, and Russian empires. The proclamation was a bold act in a city still under foreign military control, symbolizing the Latvian people's right to self-determination.

Although the declaration was followed by the Latvian War of Independence (1918 – 1920), November 18th is marked and remembered by Latvians as the moment the nation's statehood was officially born. In 1991, Latvia also restored its independence after Soviet occupation, making the date a dual commemoration of both the 1918 declaration and the modern re-establishment of the state.

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"Dievs, svētī Latviju, Mūs' dārgo tēviju,
Svētī jel Latviju, Ak, svētī jel to! *(2x)*

Kur latvju meitas zied, Kur latvju dēli dzied,
Laid mums tur laimē diet, Mūs' Latvijā!" *(2x)*

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